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1. Marshal Konstantin Rokossovski has issued orders that all Polish naval officers who entered the service before World War II are to be dismissed and replaced by Soviet officers or Polish Communists. This purge, which commenced in the autumn of 1949, is under the direction of Vice Admiral J. Szelagowski, a Soviet naval officer. The present Chief of the Navy (sic), Vice Admiral Wl. Steyer, expects to be dismissed and has become very dejected and inactive.
2. The following transfers have been effected:
  - a. Commander Jerzy Staniewicz has been transferred from the naval staff at Gdynia to the Department of the Navy at Warsaw.
  - b. Commander Marian Wojcieszek, former commandant of the Polish naval base at Swinoujscie (Swinemuende), has been replaced by a Soviet officer and has been transferred to Gdynia.
  - c. Lt. Commander Kazimierz Kraszewski, former chief of staff at the Swinoujscie naval base, has been replaced by a Soviet officer, and has been transferred to the Department of the Navy in Warsaw.
  - d. Captain Wysocki has been dismissed from the post of Director of the Marine Office and transferred to Gdynia to an inferior post in the Marine Medical Office.
3. Among those officers who have been arrested are the following:
  - a. Captain Kazimierz Bartoszynski, formerly in charge of the reconstruction and enlargement of Polish harbors.
  - b. Captain Jerzy Zytowiecki, former Chief of the Propaganda Section of the Polish navy.
4. The following pilots in the harbors of Stettin and Gdynia have been dismissed from the service:
  - a. Lt. Commander Bohdan Mankowski, Chief Pilot of Stettin. He had been

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- b. Lt. Roman Potocki, a pilot in Stettin harbor.
- c. Lt. Tadeusz Jezewski, a pilot in Gdynia harbor.
- 5. The following officers are threatened with dismissal shortly:
  - a. Commander Wacław Krzywiec, Commanding Officer of the only Polish destroyer, O. R. P. BLYSKAWICA.
  - b. Captain Kazubek, Port Captain of Ustka.
  - c. Kazimierz Maciejewicz, Director of the Merchant Marine Officers' Training School at Stettin.
  - d. Captain Józef Giertowski, Director of the Navigation Section of the Merchant Marine Officers' Training School at Stettin.
  - e. Captain Tadeusz Jasicki, a merchant marine officer who is ashore at present.
  - f. Lieutenant Melcer, Port Captain of Władysławowo, north of Puck.
  - g. Captain Jacynicz, Commanding Officer of the S. S. TORUŃ.

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